

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration and allowance are requested for claims 46-64 in view of the following remarks.

**Status of the Application**

Claims 46-64 are pending in this application. The present patent application was filed on December 5, 2005. On that date, a Preliminary Amendment was also filed in which, among other things, Applicant requested cancellation of claims 1-21 and entry of new claims 22-45. On June 26, 2008, an Office Action was issued that did not address the cancellation and addition of claims in the December 5, 2005 Preliminary Amendment. As a result, Applicant prepared the response of September 25, 2008 as if claims 22-45 were not present in the case.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, which requests clarification of the claims, previous claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-21 have been rewritten as claims 46-64, respectively. Examination of claims 46-64 is respectfully requested. For purposes of clarity, claims 1-21, which were part of the originally filed application, and claims 22-45, which were part of the December 5, 2005 Preliminary Amendment, are deemed cancelled.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #102167.57012US).

Respectfully submitted,

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